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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 13-21 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention as previously set forth.
2. The allowability of claims 8-12 is withdrawn. This Office Action is made non-final.
3. Claims 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear whether the back major panel having substantially the same length as what element.

4. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kanter (6189778). Kanter teaches a front panel 28, a first product dispensing configuration, a door from by portion 52. The door having a first portion 84 being slidable between the first and second major panels 34, and 104. The first and second major panels being adjacent to back major panel 112b having substantially the same length (note the length of panel 104 is between line 104t and 104b). Furthermore, either portion 98 or 96 can be considered as back major panel since the term "adjacent" is broad.

5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Desmond in view of anyone of Ritter (177279), Malatesta (632222), or Harker (598087). Desmond teaches a carton having a front panel, a first product dispensing configuration, a door having first portion slidable between adjacent first and second major panels 48 and 46 being substantially the same length, and the back major panel 34 being connected to the back panel 18 via flap 37. To the degree it is argued that the back major panel does not have the same length as the first and

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second major panel, anyone of Ritter, Malatesta, or Harker teaches that it is known in the art to provide the closure flap panels having the same length. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the closure flap panels having the same length to provide the added protection and/or to provide the desired shape for the container and/or to provide an alternative closure for the container.

6. Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Desmond rejection as set forth above, and further in view of Adams (Body Smart) or Tanner. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a second access window in the back panel in the Desmond rejection as taught by either Adams or Tanner to provide added access to the container and/or to display the contents effectively.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

